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New Technical Data Supplement (TDS) For the Procurement of Frozen Ground Beef Items TDS-136

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The Agriculture Marketing Service released a new TDS for frozen ground beef items in June 2000. The most noticeable change is in the microbiological limits. If you are interested in viewing the TDS and/or downloading your own copy, go to the FDD homepage at http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/. The TDS may be used for local or district purchases of similar products. Please ensure that the information is forwarded as necessary.

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